

AS&C's Comparative Testing Office Displays Technologies to be Assessed for Warfighters in 2009



The Comparative Testing Office (CTO) recently held its annual showcase of promising technologies that it will evaluate for U.S. military needs. At the showcase, CTO also presented its Program Managers of 2008 awards.

The technologies featured at the showcase were chosen through CTO's Foreign Comparative Testing (FCT) program's international search effort and its Defense Acquisition Challenge (DAC) program's domestic search process. The technologies successfully evaluated through these programs are fielded in an average of two years — with some available for use in as little as nine months. These initiatives have rapidly provided cutting-edge technologies to warfighters, without significant time and cost spent on research and development (R&D). In fact, by testing and buying already developed technologies, the two programs have saved the Department of Defense more than \$8 billion in R&D costs since 1980. Jobs with 120 U.S. companies have come from manufacturing arrangements across a spectrum of industries including electronics, automotive, textiles, heavy equipment, and ammunition.

This year's showcase attracted personnel from throughout U.S. defense programs and from other nations. In addition, the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Advanced Systems & Concepts) recognized the FCT project managers of the year for having made major contributions to helping U.S. warfighters. Photos from the event include:



*Next Generation
 Night Vision
 Imaging
 Technology (DAC)*



Precision Sniper Rifle (FCT)



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